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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY CELEBRATES THE 90<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF  
WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**

**SAN DIEGO** – The San Diego Public Library will commemorate the 90th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States during the month of August with a series of events to include films, an exhibit, a feminist book discussion series. Suffrage was achieved gradually at the state and local levels during the 19th and early 20th centuries, culminating with the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment in August 1920, which provided: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex." The following free events will take place, at the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego.

- Monday, August 2, 6:30 p.m., Wangenheim Room (Third Floor)  
**Feminist Book Discussion: Octavia Butler's PARABLE OF THE SOWER**  
Deeply felt novel set in a dystopian future in 21st-century California, a land of walled enclaves, drug-crazed arsonists, and rampant joblessness. Forced to flee an America where anarchy and violence have completely taken over, a young woman, who can feel the pain of others, becomes a prophet carrying the hope of a new world and a new faith.
- Wednesday, August 11, 6:30 p.m., Wangenheim Room (Third Floor)  
**Lecture: THE STRUGGLE FOR WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE**  
Anne Hoiberg, Co-Chair of the League of Women Voters, discusses the history of the Women's Suffrage Movement in the US that led to the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.
- Tuesday, August 17, 12:30 p.m., Third Floor Auditorium  
**Film Screening: NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE, PART 1**  
The story of Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony, this film recounts the trials, tribulations and triumphs of these two women as they strive to give birth to the women's movement and bring about political and social equality between women and men. Their strong willpower and sheer determination still ripples through contemporary society.
- Wednesday, August 18, 6:00 p.m., Third Floor Auditorium  
**Film Screening: IRON JAWED ANGELS**  
Hilary Swank heads an outstanding female cast of young, rebel women who put their

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lives on the line to fight for American women's right to vote, while locking horns with a steely, older generation of suffragettes. This little-known, but true story has startling parallels to today, as the young activists struggle with the challenges of protesting a popular President during wartime.

- Thursday, August 19, 12:30 pm, Third Floor Auditorium  
**Film Screening: NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE, Part II**
- Monday, August 30, 6:30 pm, Wangenheim Room (Third Floor)  
**Feminist Book Discussion: Lynn Nottage's INTIMATE APPAREL**  
Set in New York circa 1905, this drama concerns a young Black woman who travels to New York to pursue her dreams, becoming an independent woman as a seamstress. Designing intimate apparel for society ladies and prostitutes alike, her life becomes romantically intertwined with her clientele, challenging the sexual taboos of the age.
- August 1 – 31, 2010, library open hours, Lobby  
**Exhibit: WOMEN WHO DARE**  
Curated by the San Diego Women's History Museum & Educational Center, this Exhibit represents 22 women who, since the 1600s, dared to challenge rigid traditions and shape the Americas. The exhibit reveals the diversity of women and their contributions to various American nations.

Please contact the Women's History Museum, 619-233-7963 or [info@whmec.org](mailto:info@whmec.org) for additional information regarding the following two concurrent annual events:

- Thursday, August 26, 5:00 pm  
**SAN DIEGO SUFFRAGE PARADE**  
Balboa Park starting at the Kate Sessions Statue, West side of the Laurel Street Bridge – March to the Organ Pavilion for a free band concert and picnic on the grass.
- Saturday, August 28, 6:00 pm  
**SUFFRAGE BALL at the Historic Lafayette Hotel**  
“The Fabulous Forties” Theme, Dinner and Dancing, Sue Palmer Orchestra, Costume and Dance Contests, Historic Reenactments

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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